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Dear Deborah,

Several Sundays have I set apart with the intention of writing, but one thing & another has prevented me, and now amidst all the noise & confusion of the mile I take up my pen to write you & I know of no better way of celebrating Washington's Birth day — I presume you got my lengthy & tiresome epistle I wrote you the last of the year, though I have never had an answer — I fully intended to have been at the Festival & had made all arrangements, but at the last moment, some business affair turned up, and my presence was needed here — I told Mr Cadwell to tell you how disappointed I was but he did not see you, as he was there only Thursday — The result is most glorious — The Speeches

or rather the most of them I have read.  
I think I wrote you that Mr Furness  
was to preach the ordination sermon  
for Mr Potter - without exception it  
was the most beautiful sermon  
I ever heard - Mr Potter is imbued  
with the same beautiful spirit  
and is doing a great work - he is  
very liberal thorough Anti Slavery  
Reads the Liberator weekly admiring  
Phillips (left Mr Amet's Party & <sup>Went to</sup> came to  
hear him & then returned) & what is the  
most satisfactory to me (though I  
have kept it only for the faithful  
few) he told me that after all  
Garrison was the man - He esteems  
him highly - He has preached the  
strongest kind of Anti Slavery & his  
spirit is so pure that with the exception  
of a very few is universally liked -  
In one sermon he said that the Methodist  
was not Christianity & that if one  
endeavored to carry out Christian



principles, by going into a Slave  
State to free Slaves, they would  
hang him - Peace, Capital Punish-  
ment & Slavery were all treated  
as they should be in the Sermon -  
In ~~the~~ another Sermon, he pitched  
into the Bible Society, & spoke of  
its inconsistencies, in endeavoring  
to send the Bible to Africa & dare  
not send it among the Slaves <sup>in this country</sup> -  
that this great Ecclesiastical  
Show & parade about the Church  
was not Christianity - that the  
true Christians, were the noble  
band of Men & Women who visited  
the Sick & Blind &c. & preached up  
deliverance, & the opening of the  
Prison & setting the Captive and  
Slave he address so free, & proclaim-  
ing Liberty throughout the land  
His Sermons are full of such  
sentiments & I have been particu-  
lar, to tell you - He may not have

the Genius or brilliancy of Mr West  
but I think he has a keener  
moral vision with a strong  
intellect - With the exception  
of Curtis Heywood & a few others  
our Lyceum lectures have  
been miserable - Phillips  
gave us a powerfull & beautiful  
lecture <sup>on</sup> John Brown - Last  
Sunday, we had Frederick Brown  
Remond the forth here - I was much  
pleased - not many attended  
owing to <sup>the</sup> cold & very slippery walking  
Our goodly City has been quite lively  
this winter in the way of sociable  
skating has also been all the  
rage - nearly every woman here  
is learning - Some three thousand  
were on the River one day -  
Omnibusses & carriages have also  
been brought into requisition to  
take people out to adjoining ponds  
where there has been none nearby